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Book I, Part III

It is a period of opportunity. In a galaxy oppressed by the cruelty of Imperial forces, there is little hope for the future. But for those used to operating on the fringes, there is much potential for profit.

Rogue archaeologist Aphra is back to doing what she does best: locating and liberating rare artifacts. By her side are a pair of homicidal droids and Wookiee bounty hunter Black Krrsantan, looking to collect on Aphra's debts.

Aphra's plans are suspended when her doctorate is temporarily revoked – on a tip-off from her estranged father. Now, in order to regain her stature, Aphra is forced to go along on his foolish search for a spiritual sect on an isolated moon. But when they arrive, enlightenment is nowhere to be found – instead, the moon is crawling with Imperial forces....

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Yavin 4.

GGKRRKKKKH!

YEAH, KRRSANTAN. A FEW PLATOONS. THAT *DOES* MAKE GETTING INTO THE MASSASSI TEMPLE A LITTLE TRICKIER.

THEY MUST STILL BE CLEANING UP AFTER THE REBELS LEFT...

SERIOUSLY, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I'VE MISSED. THERE WAS A REBEL BASE ON YAVIN 4?

I'M AFRAID I DON'T REALLY FOLLOW CURRENT AFFAIRS.



THE
BATTLE OF
YAVIN.

I'M
AFRAID
YOU'VE LOST
ME.



DEATH
STAR WENT
BOOM-
BOOM.



THE...
DEATH
STAR?

I'M SORRY...
I THOUGHT
THAT WAS JUST
A STORY.

YEAH.



TALK OF A PLANET-DESTROYING
MACHINE ONE DAY AND THE
NEXT IT'S GONE? I JUST
DIDN'T GIVE IT MUCH
THOUGHT.

IF I CAME
TO YOU TALKING ABOUT
SOME MANNER OF PLANET-
DESTROYING MACHINE,
YOU'D CALL ME A
FANTASIST...

IT WAS
REAL?



YEAH. IT
REALLY
DESTROYED
ALDERAAN.

AND YOU'RE
OBSESSED BY THE
JEDI!! DID YOU REALLY
BUY THAT STORY
ABOUT JEDHA?





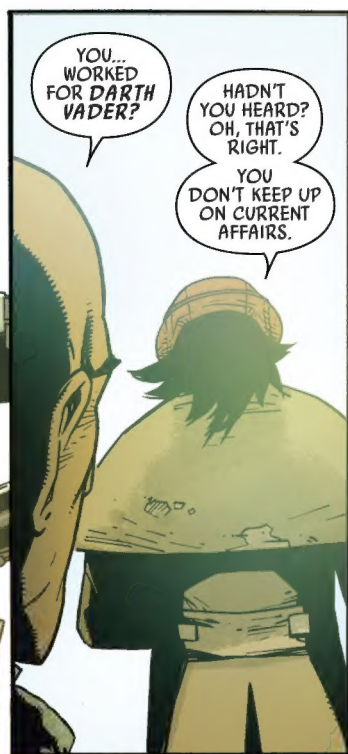
...DON'T YOU SUPPORT THE EMPIRE'S STEEL GLOVE CLASPING AROUND THE THROAT OF THE UNIVERSE AS THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT PEOPLE?

I DO BELIEVE THAT'S AN OPINION I'VE HEARD YOU EXPRESS.



TRIPLE-ZERO.

IF I WAS INTERESTED IN MORAL INSTRUCTION FROM AN EMOTIONLESS KILLER, I'D HAVE KEPT WORKING FOR DARTH VADER.



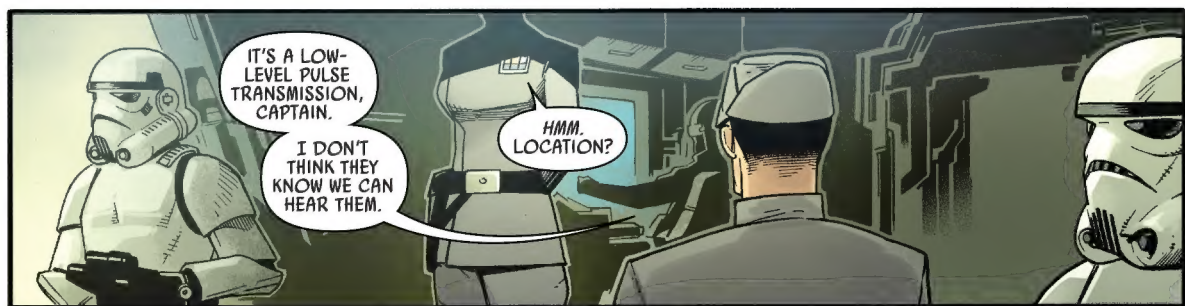
YOU... WORKED FOR DARTH VADER?

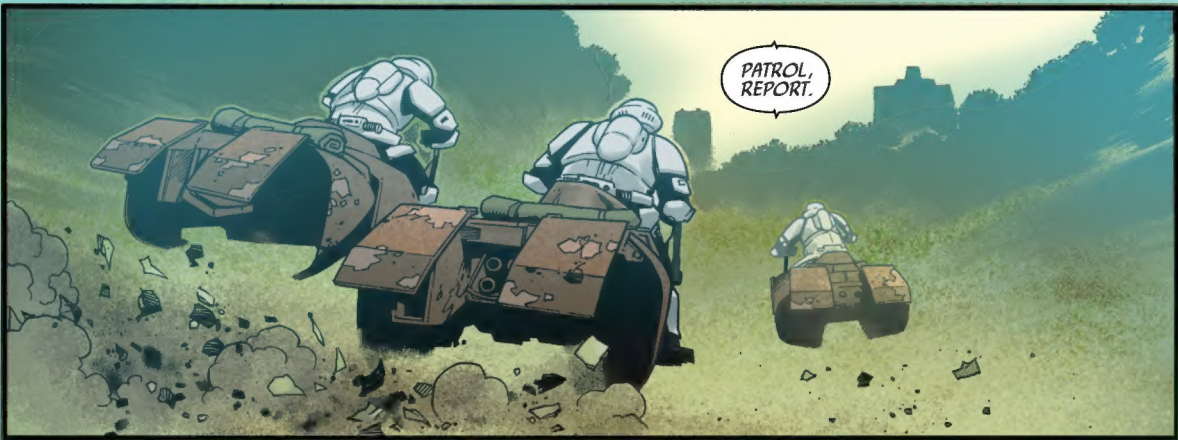
HADN'T YOU HEARD? OH, THAT'S RIGHT. YOU DON'T KEEP UP ON CURRENT AFFAIRS.

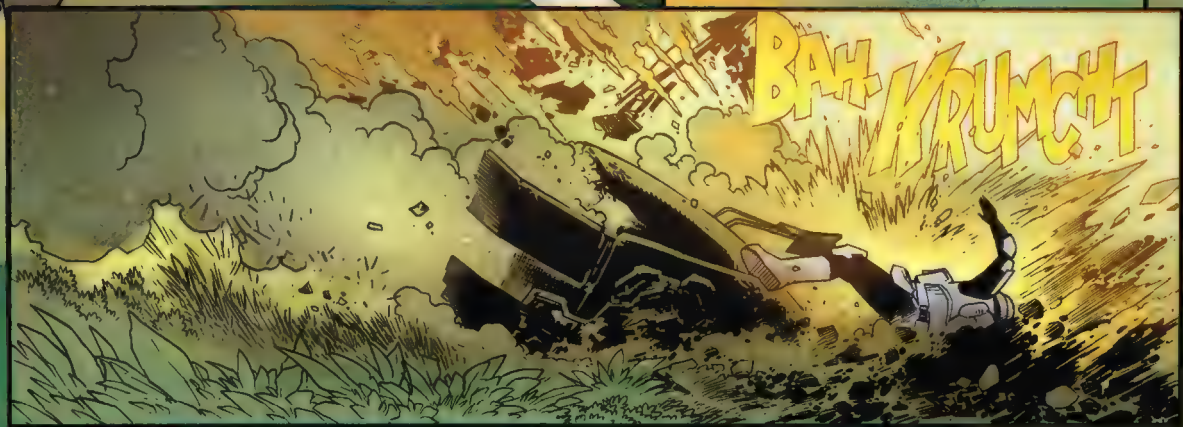


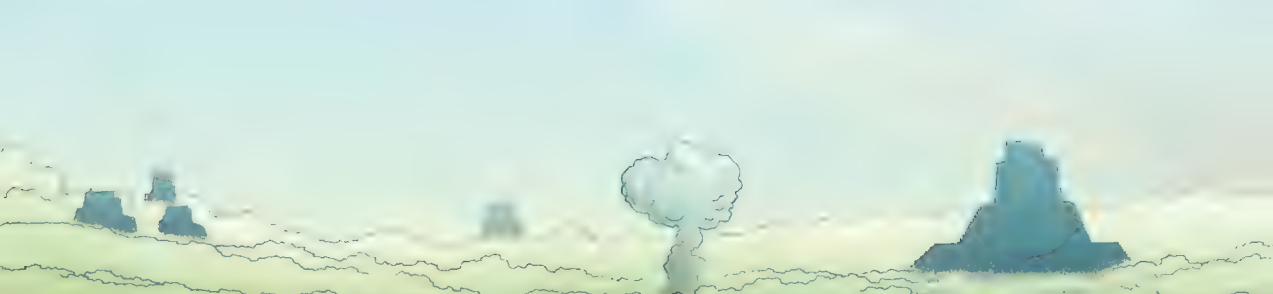
OKAY.
THIS IS WHAT WE'LL DO.







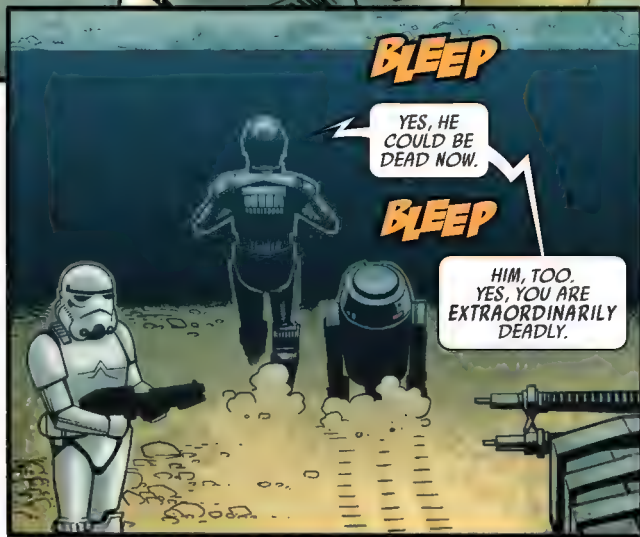
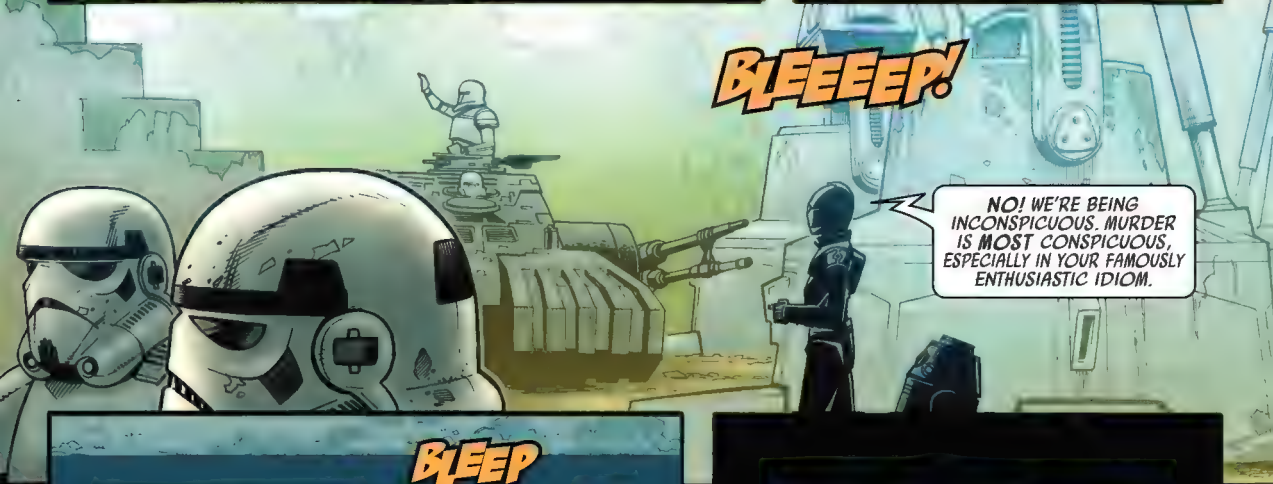




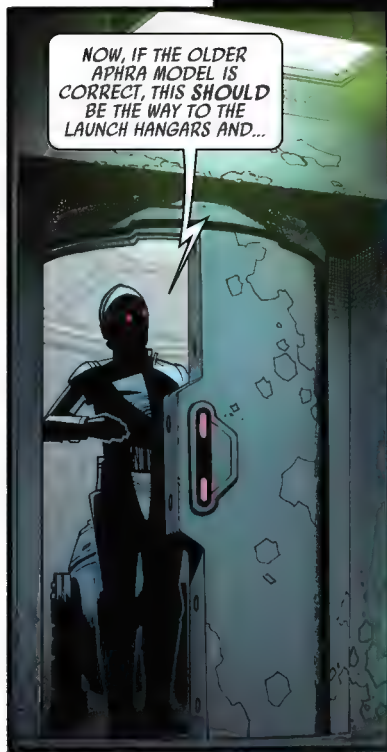
LOOP
AROUND THE
NORTH SIDE,
AND MOVE
IN.

STANDARD
ENGAGEMENT
PATTERNS,
ALPHA-FOUR-
ZERO.





NOW, IF THE OLDER
APHRA MODEL IS
CORRECT, THIS SHOULD
BE THE WAY TO THE
LAUNCH HANGARS AND...



PERFECT.

OH, HELLO,
FELLOW
DROIDS.

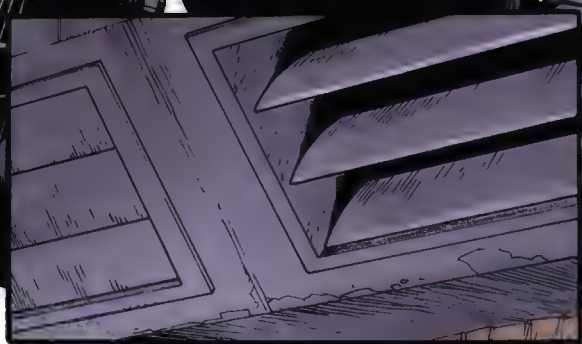
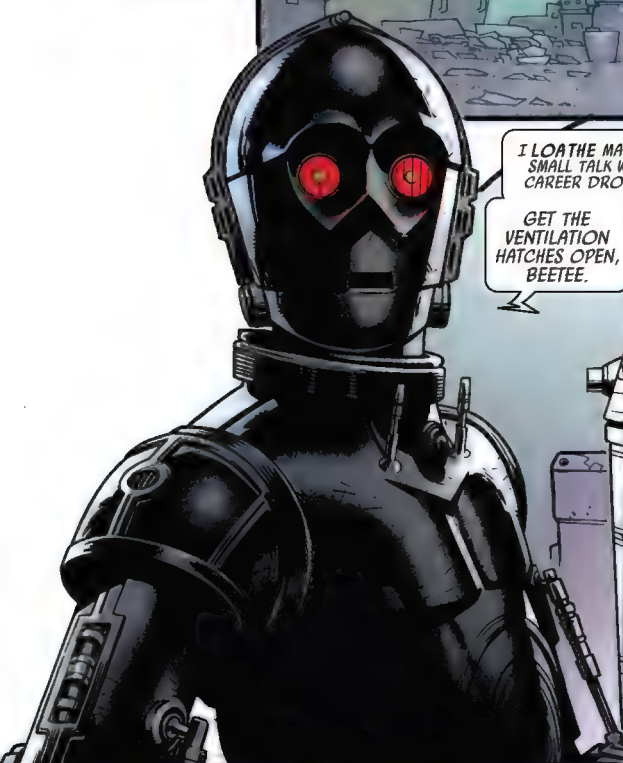
DON'T
MIND US, JUST
PASSING
THROUGH.



I LOATHE MAKING
SMALL TALK WITH
CAREER DROIDS.

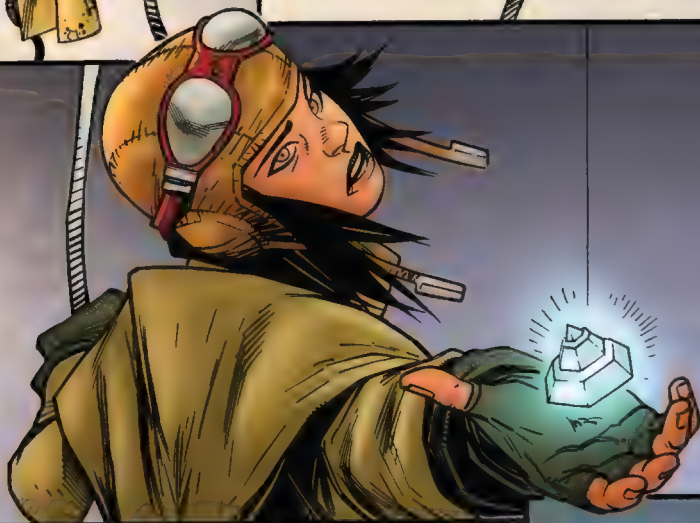
GET THE
VENTILATION
HATCHES OPEN,
BEETEE.

BLEEP!





CHELLI!



THIS IS...A MASSASSI PIECE, RIGHT? YOU HAD IT AROUND THE HOUSE.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PLANNING THIS, DAD?



SINCE I KNEW THE UNIVERSE NEEDED SAVING.

IT'S MY LIFE'S WORK.



VERY WELL. SEND IN A WALKER.



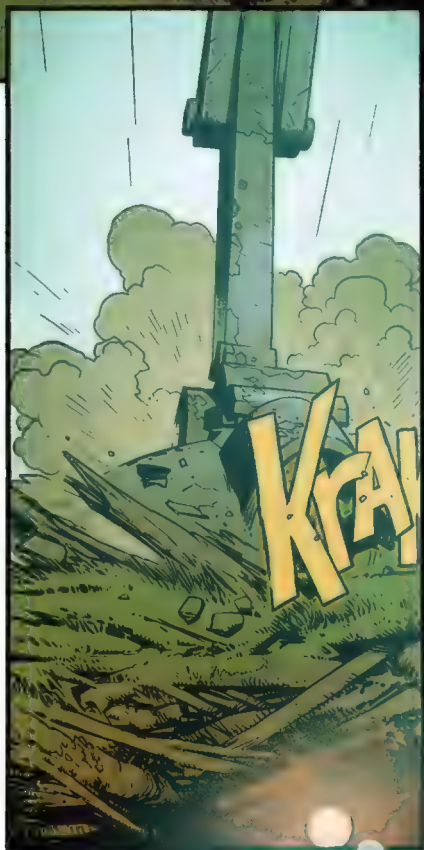


MISSED.
CLOSING
IN...

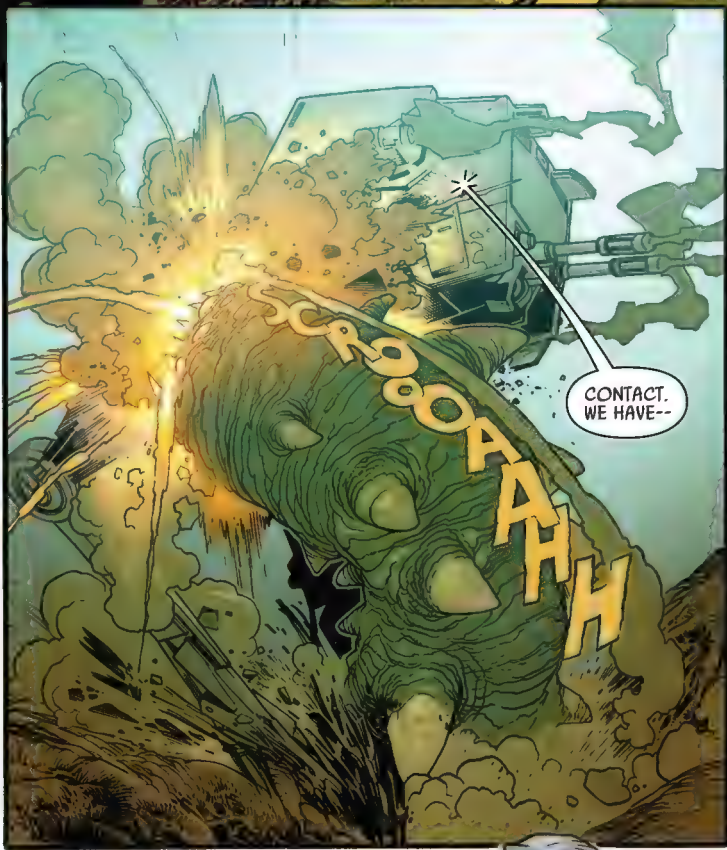
BOW

BDOO

BDOON



KRA!

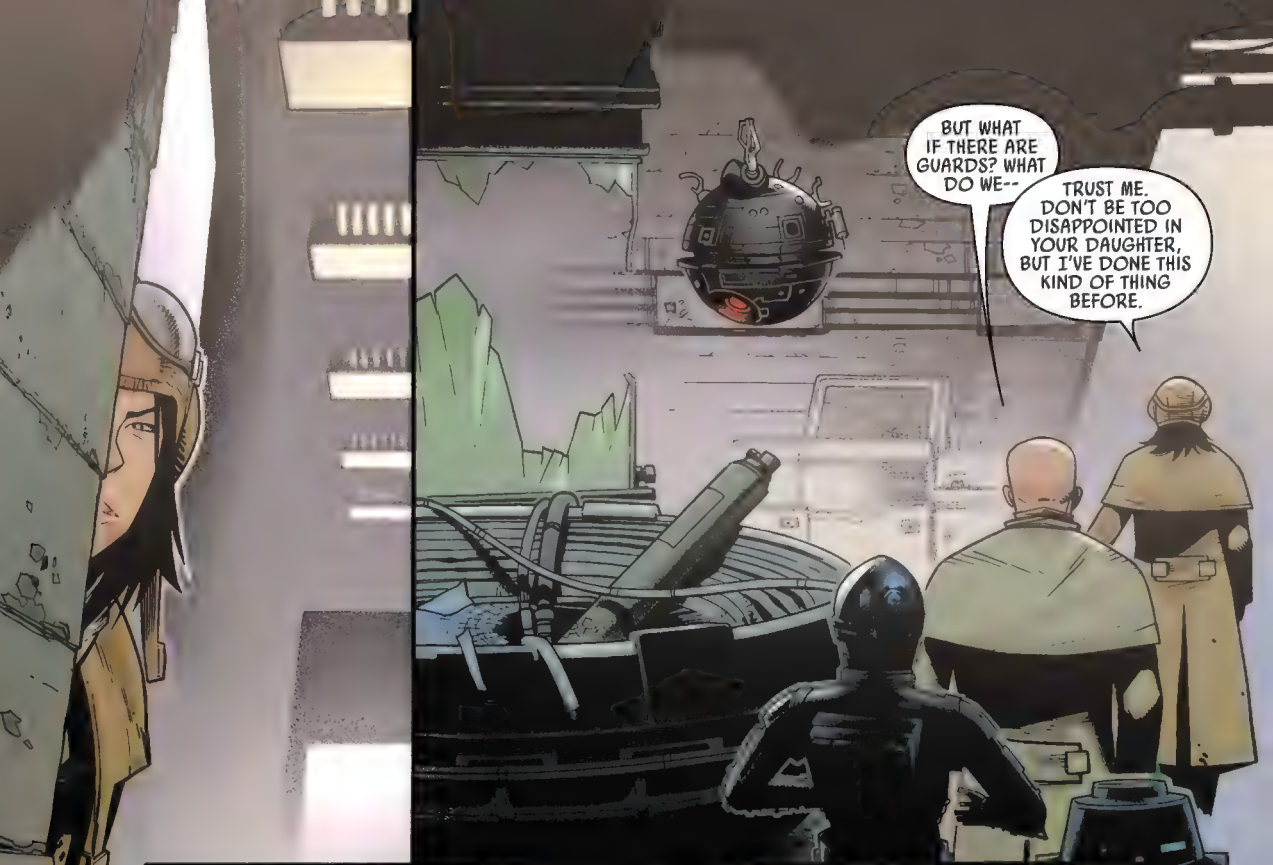


CONTACT.
WE HAVE--

SCROOAH
HH

ARGGH!
AGGGH!
HAZZZZZ---==



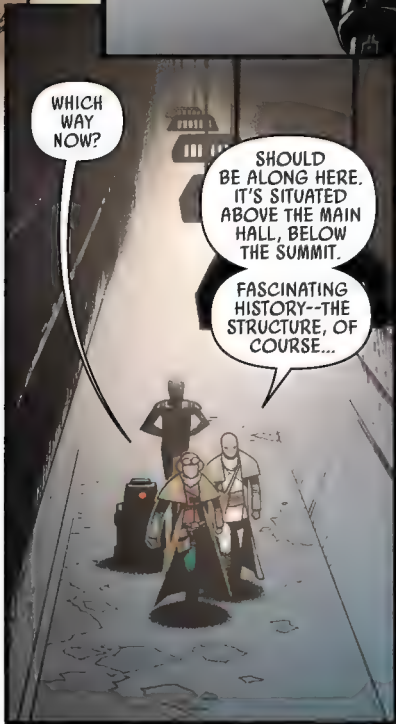


BUT WHAT
IF THERE ARE
GUARDS? WHAT
DO WE--

TRUST ME.
DON'T BE TOO
DISAPPOINTED IN
YOUR DAUGHTER,
BUT I'VE DONE THIS
KIND OF THING
BEFORE.

OH HELLO,
IT-O.

**BIG FAN
OF YOUR
WORK.**



WHICH
WAY
NOW?

SHOULD
BE ALONG HERE.
IT'S SITUATED
ABOVE THE MAIN
HALL, BELOW
THE SUMMIT.

FASCINATING
HISTORY--THE
STRUCTURE, OF
COURSE...



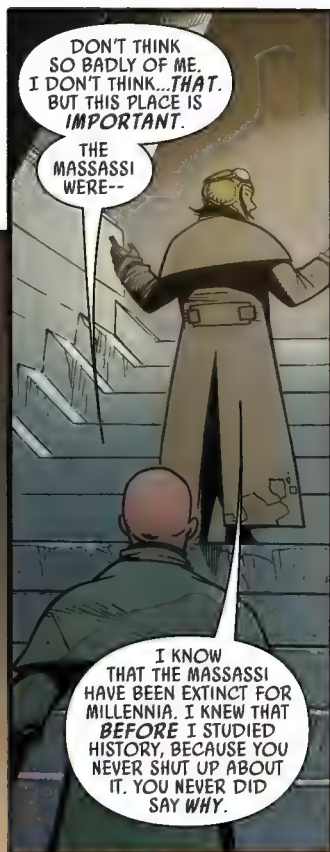
I CAN'T
BELIEVE THE REBELS
SET UP BASE HERE. IT'S
SUCH AN IMPORTANT
HISTORICAL
SITE.

IMAGINE IF
THE DEATH STAR
HAD DESTROYED
THE MOON.

IT'D BE
SUCH AN
INCREDIBLE
LOSS.



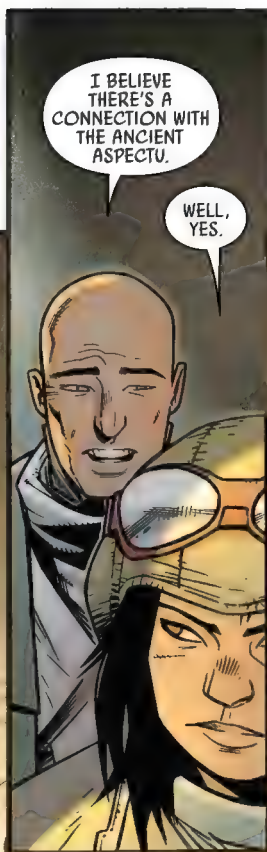
YES,
BECAUSE IT'D BE
MUCH BETTER FOR
PEOPLE TO EXPLODE
WITHOUT TAKING DOWN
POSSIBLE RESEARCH
MATERIAL WITH
THEM.



DON'T THINK SO BADLY OF ME. I DON'T THINK...*THAT*. BUT THIS PLACE IS IMPORTANT.

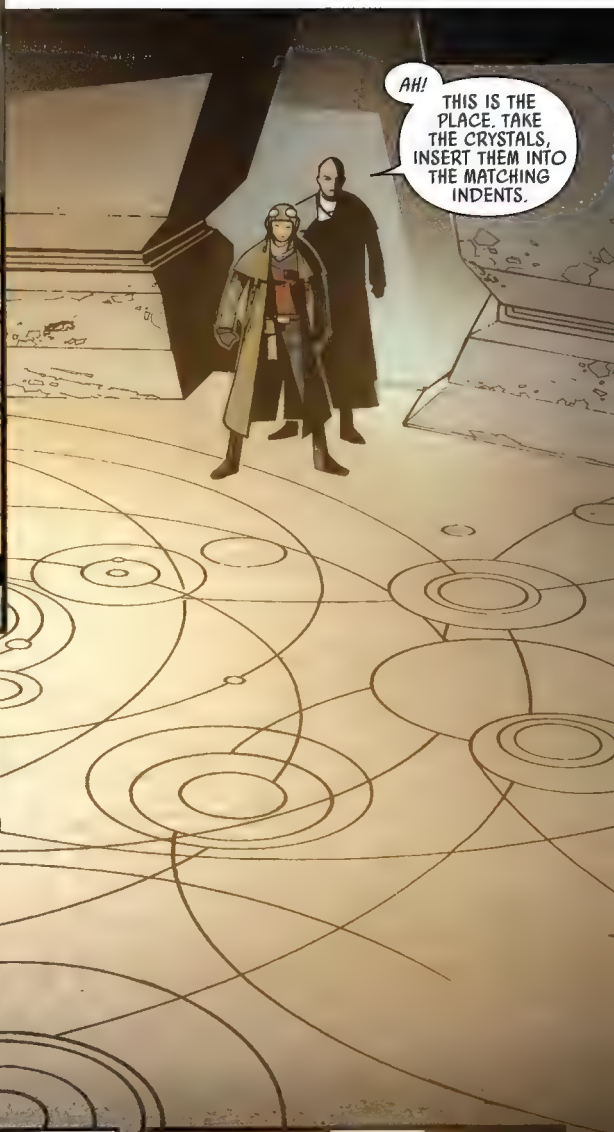
THE MASSASSI WERE--

I KNOW THAT THE MASSASSI HAVE BEEN EXTINCT FOR MILLENNIA. I KNEW THAT *BEFORE* I STUDIED HISTORY, BECAUSE YOU NEVER SHUT UP ABOUT IT. YOU NEVER DID SAY WHY.



I BELIEVE THERE'S A CONNECTION WITH THE ANCIENT ASPECTU.

WELL, YES.



AH!

THIS IS THE PLACE. TAKE THE CRYSTALS, INSERT THEM INTO THE MATCHING INDENTS.



THEY'RE ALMOST IDENTICAL IN SHAPE TO THE TEMPLE STRUCTURES HERE...AND ARE ALSO ORDU ARTIFACTS.

IF I'M CORRECT, IT'LL GIVE US THE LOCATION OF THE CITADEL...



OH, GREAT. JIGSAWS.

HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE?

WITH ANY LUCK, A LITTLE. KRRSANTAN HAS A KNACK FOR THIS KIND OF THING.

LOCATED
THE WALKER.
DISABLED.

LOOKS
LIKE DAMAGE
FROM HOSTILE
MEGAFUNA.

ANY
SURVIVORS?

NEGATIVE.

WAIT, THE
SCOUT IS
MISSING
ITS--









YOU
HAVE FIVE MORE
SECONDS OF SMUG
TIME, AND THEN WE
HAVE TO RUN FOR
OUR LIVES.

DOCTOR APHRA NEXT ISSUE!



A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away
is a lot easier to get to than you think –
and we want to hear from you!
Write us at StarWars@Marvel.com if
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